

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 7 - 13 March 2018

The following notes are from our REC Mrs Kathy Gray:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Wednesday!

We are all reminded to keep the following children in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation THIS COMING WEDNESDAY EVENING!

Kiara, Serena, Lexine, Tessa, Stephanie, Madden, Caleb, Farid, Wills, Nickolas, Ryan, Jasmine, Liam, Jake, Airley, Erica, Tatiana, Ruby, Nikki, Lauren, Jason, Ava, Jacob, Kalan, Cordelia, Kaila, Kyla, Alexander M, Rocco, Roman, Alexander P, Joshua, Timothy, Aden, Brandon, Jayden, Sophia, Rosebelle, William, Zachary, Hannah T, Callum, Hannah W and Michael

Year 6 School Leaders' Meeting and Mass with Bishop Peter

Comensoli:

Last Thursday, Bishop Peter Comensoli met with some of our Year 6 leaders and celebrated Mass with them. Four students accompanied me (ie Mrs Kathy Gray) on this Leadership Day with the Bishop, and other Year 6 leaders from around the Diocese of Broken Bay attended too. Lara, Gwenaelle, Gabrielle and Kaelyn represented the school beautifully on this important day.

The day included a forum with our Bishop, followed by a Mass in the cathedral at 'Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara'. During the Mass, our girls accompanied students from St Lucy's for the Gospel Procession. This connection with St Lucy's on the day added to the wonderful experience. After Mass we went back into groups to discuss leadership opportunities in our schools. The girls involved will feedback their experiences in newsletters to come.



COMING EVENTS

March

- Wed 14** "1,2,3 Magic" 9am-11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Harmony Day at OLD
11.30am
- Thur 15** Open Day - Kindy 2019
- Sun 18** Kindergarten Blessing
Mass 9am
- Mon 19** Year 5 & 6 Canberra
to Excursion
- Wed 21** "1,2,3 Magic" 9am-11am
- Thur 29** Holy Week Ceremony -
whole school (Harrington
Hall)
- Fri 30** Good Friday

April

- Sun 1** Easter Sunday
- Mon 2** Easter Monday
- Tues 3** Staff Development Day
(pupil free day)
First Communion Parent
Meeting 1.30pm or
7.00pm in the Church
- Wed 11** Year 6 Mercy Leadership
Day
- Fri 13** Last day of Term 1
- Mon 30** Students return Term 2

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE
UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR
POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES
w.olddbb.catholic.edu.au

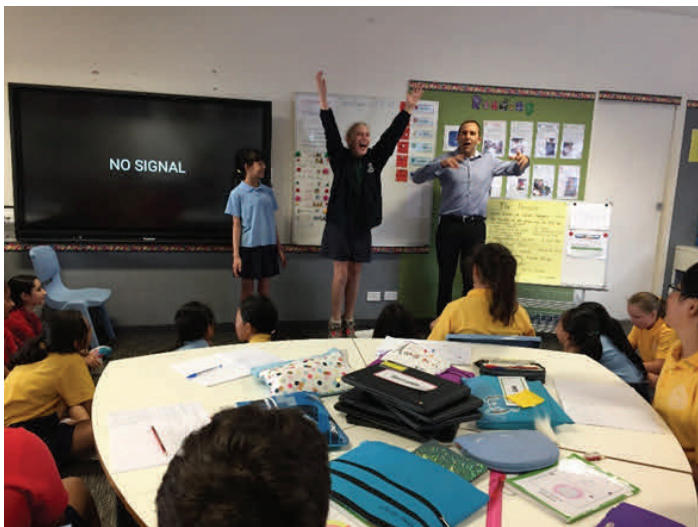
Our Lady of Dolours



Priests in the Classrooms

This year, Fr Jim has initiated more contact with all classes K-6 and our clergy. Each term, all classes will be visited by Fr Jim, Fr John or Fr Andrew. The priests will simply support the Religious Education in the classrooms and forge important school/parish connections. It is hoped that the regularity of these visits will ensure a relationship ensues between the classes and our priests. We thank our clergy for the generosity of their time in preparing and presenting to the classes on this regular basis. The students glean so much information from listening to the expertise of our wonderful clergy at Our Lady of Dolours.

Photos show Year 6 with Fr Jim learning about the Parable of the Sower.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Project Compassion

Lent ends on Thursday 29 March. Please bring your small home Project Compassion collection boxes back to school anytime during Week 9. All collections finalised by 29/3.

Thank you for your generous donations.



Project Compassion: "Chores for Others" Fundraiser

A big thank you to you and your children for doing extra chores around the home to collect additional money for Project Compassion and raising a lot of money last week! Their acts of social justice are most appreciated. The total raised from a little over one week of hands on actions for others was: \$1070. We are continually amazed by the generosity of this community and its love for others.



Go to: <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion#stories> and read a different story during each week of Lent focused on the theme "A Just Future," and featuring a new country each week, the stories explain the issues faced in each country. They also highlight how Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people, helping them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities.

"Let us not become weary in doing good; for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9

Kindy Blessing Mass

Sunday 18 March - 9 a.m. All welcome! Please see flyer in newsletter. The Mass will be followed by a play in Beauchamp Park. See Kindy class mums for further details.

Invitation to attend the Harmony Day Liturgy and Celebration:

This coming Wed 14th of March at 11:30am in Harrington Hall

Ms Scarf is busy preparing a beautiful liturgy and celebration to acknowledge our wonderful cultural diversity. It's all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

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Sunday Morning 9am Children's Mass

Please put these dates in your diary:

Kindy – Sunday 18th of March

Year 1 – Sunday 17th of June

Year 2 – Sunday 16th of September

Year 3 – Sunday 19th of August

Year 4 – Sunday 21st of October

Year 5 – Sunday 18th of November

Year 6 – Sunday 2nd of December

Sacramental Dates 2018

A reminder of the 2018 Sacramental Dates for our parish:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wed 14/3 5pm and 7pm Ceremonies

Sacrament of First Eucharist Weekend of May 19 @ all Parish Masses

Sacrament of Confirmation Fri 28th Sep 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Please keep an eye on the Parish Website for details:

<http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/>

Or contact Angela Hague for any questions:

angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

Social Justice at OLD: Leukaemia Foundation

Lucas and Ryan are shaving their heads to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation next Friday. The boys will walk around all classes on Friday with their donation boxes. Please send in a gold coin for this worthwhile cause. Well done boys! Stay posted for the AFTER photo!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray continued

Our Leaders spending the day with the Bishop



AWARD WINNERS Week 6



The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Open Day for Kindergarten 2019 (and for all other interested families too) – This week on THURSDAY:

I encourage parents and friends to spread the word regarding OLD School's Open Day, THURSDAY 15 March 9am!

SOS for Parent support:

Parents and Friends K-6 at OLD are encouraged to come along to the Open Day. To simply be a welcoming face at 9am, or to perhaps assist with the morning tea at 10.30am will be fabulous ... Thank you



123 Magic Commences

The two 123 Magic Sessions are:

- **Session 1 - Wednesday 14 March 9-11am (TOMORROW)**
- **Session 2 – Wednesday 21 March 9-11am**

Tomorrow 9am

OLD will celebrate National Ride2School Day Friday 23 March:

National Ride2School Day is on Friday 23 March. Families/students/staff are encouraged to **walk, ride or scoot** to school. For more information visit www.ride2school.com.au

School Promotional Video – Monday 26/3 9am:

On Monday (26/3) at 9am, the Catholic Schools Office has arranged for a professional to shoot camera/video footage and to also interview at OLD School – (The video will be specifically for our new school website that's under construction).

Please consider coming along for a few minutes if you'd like to be interviewed briefly ... we'll make it a bit of fun!

(Please note that this session was originally planned for 14/3 but has been postponed to 26/3)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

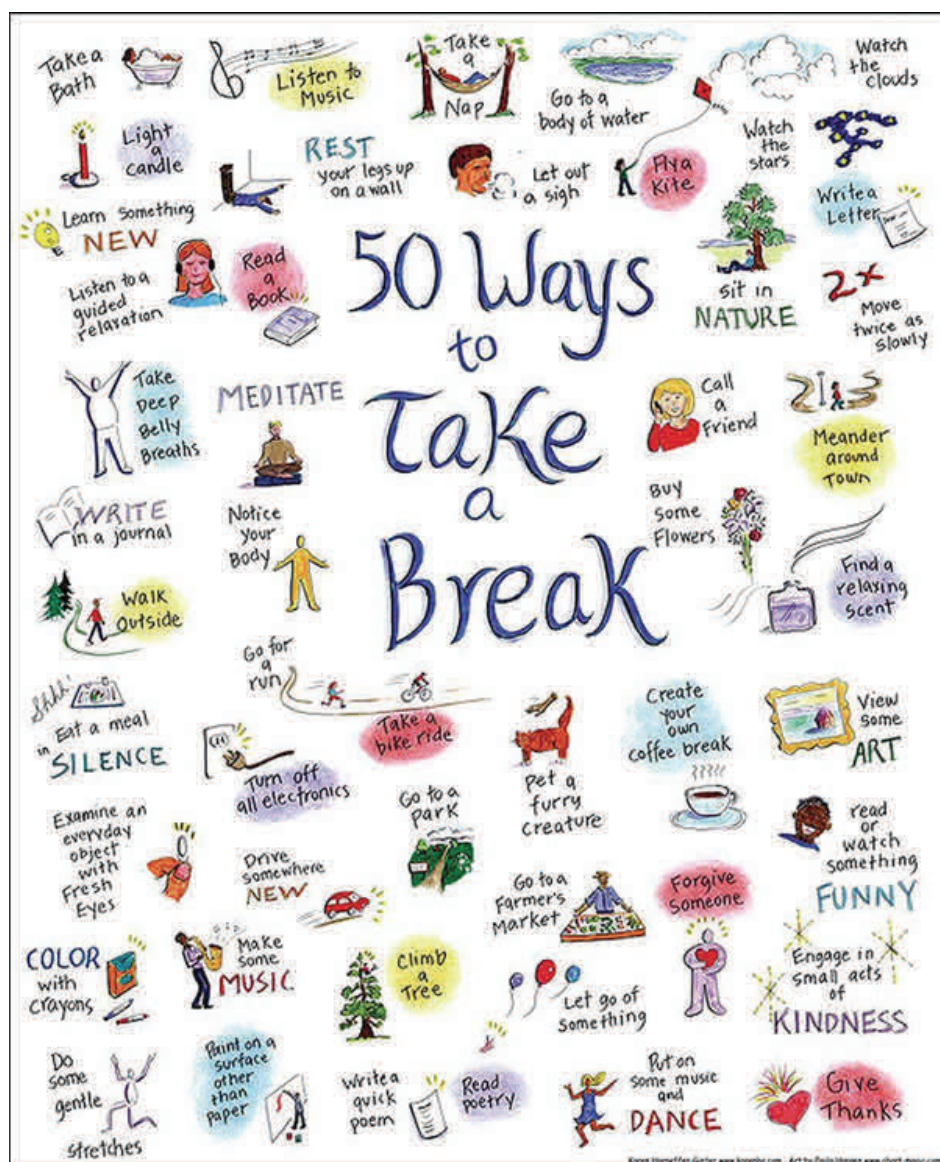
International Women's Day 2018

Last week I was so fortunate to represent the diocese at an International Woman's Day event where we heard amazing and inspirational speeches by The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir and The Honourable Nicola Roxon. I joined Virginia Ryan, the Assistant Director of schools from the Catholic Schools Office and two other Assistant Principals, to meet with women from a range of industries. It became very apparent that we are extremely lucky to be working in the education industry where the female voice is not only heard but valued and sought out. So, to all the amazing women in our OLD community, I want to thank you for sharing your strength, integrity and compassion to the younger generation. It is evident that all our students have wonderful female role models in their lives.

Wellbeing Week

We hope that everyone is enjoying their Wellbeing Week. The students will not have homework this week and will participate in a number of fun activities throughout the school day. Teachers are also encouraged to look after their Wellbeing this week; with no scheduled meetings and no homework marking!! Wellbeing Week is an important event in our school calendar as it is a time to slow down, rest and take stock of our physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Parents, we strongly encourage you to join us during Wellbeing Week and do something special for yourself throughout the week too.

We would love to see any photos of your family enjoying Wellbeing Week. Please email a photo to the school office or through messenger on the OLD Facebook Page.





Numeracy Parent Education



With the creating of our vision '**Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy**' I wish to invite all parents to participate in a two part education program for Mathematics and Numeracy. I will be running these sessions with the assistance of some classroom teachers. In these sessions you will learn about the educational philosophy behind how we teach maths (not only at OLD but in every diocesan school) and how this may differ from your school years. By participating in Parent Education you can become an empowered, informed and active partner in your child's education. Through the Parent Education sessions you will be able to learn how to assist your child at home, understand how the teachers at OLD teach maths and you may even become a more confident mathematician yourself.

Each session will include many hands on games and activities that you can use at home, plus all participants will be given some fun maths equipment to take home and use with their children.

When I have run this course in the past some of the participants have said:

"I finished school in '84 and I realise now that I never understood the concepts of what I was being taught and I'm thrilled teaching has changed."

"Some things I'll take away from the Parent Education sessions are some great learning tools and games. I now know that Maths can be FUN!!"

"You should do it! It's important to understand how our children are being taught so we're best able to help them produce and enhance their skills."

"If there is only one education course you can do, do your children a favour and go!"

Please return the form or email the school by Friday 23rd March.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first session,

Kirsty Thorpe (Assistant Principal and Numeracy Co-ordinator)

Name:

Child's class:

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I understand that by registering for this Parent Education, I am committing to the two sessions.

Session 1: Monday 26th March, 6-7pm

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AND

Session 2: Thursday 5th April, 6-7pm

Signature:



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Contact Martha Raupp chatswoodguides@gmail.com

Or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au



A message from Mrs Jill Greenwood (OLD's Literacy Co-ordinator):



Entry is now open in the
2018 School Writing Competition!

Students all over Australia are invited to enter their Poems OR Short Stories, and battle it out for the great CASH prizes on offer!

*Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on **any** topic and in **any** style. Students from all grades are welcome to enter.*

For more details go to: www.write4fun.net,

Community News

St Peters Catholic Healthcare at 3 Felton avenue Lane Cove North is having an Easter show on Wednesday 28th March 1-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come, we will be having a kindi farm, Easter egg hunt, entertainer, face painter, balloon twister, barbeque and so much more.



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Friday, 23rd March 2018

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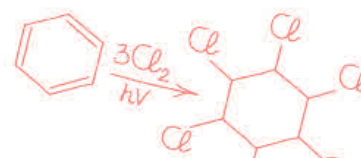
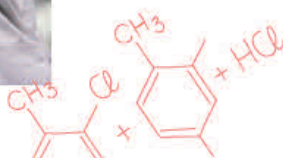
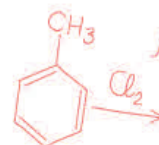
Junior
SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – mq.edu.au/about/holidays

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$122





KIRK STREET PICKUP

For those parents, grandparents and carers who make use of the Kirk Street Pickup line, please be advised that council rangers are rostered to monitor the area every day.

Cars are not permitted to wait in the pick-up line before teachers and students have arrived at 3:05pm.

Waiting cars create an issue with traffic trying to turn into Kirk Street from Archer Street, and this, in turn, causes traffic issues in Archer Street itself. The council is concerned with the potential safety risks to pedestrians in both Archer and Kirk Street.

The penalty for stopping and waiting in the Pickup line area is \$183 and 1 demerit point.

Harmony Day Celebration 2018



Lantern Parade and Workshops

Celebrating our Cultural Diversity



**FREE
EVENTS**

Lantern Making Workshops

10am - 2pm, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March

Bookings recommended | Various time slots

The Concourse (outdoor area)

Cultural Events @ Chatswood Mall Markets

6.30pm - 8pm, Friday 23 March

7.15pm Lantern Parade – All welcome

For registration and information, phone 9777 7595 or visit www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au





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